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1. WHILE NOT ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO US, AND WE DO NOT HAVE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED AGREEUNCLASSIFIED

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MENT BETWEEN IBEC AND WESTERN BANK SYNDICATE, WE ARE POUCHING FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE 1963 AGREEMENT AMONGST CEMA MEMBERS CREATING THE BANK, AND THE BANK'S STATUTES.

2. EMBASSY WILL OBSERVE THAT AS AMONGST PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT, A BROAD IMMUNITY IS CONFERRED ON THE BANK AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE TERRITORY OF EACH PARTY, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE WAIVED BY THE BANK (ARTICLE XI; SEE

ARTICLE 38 OF THE BANK'S STATUTES, WHICH ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN ARTICLE II OF TME AGREEMENT). IT IS EQUALLY CLEAR THAT IBEC CAN SUE AND BE SUED IN COURTS AND IN ARBITRATION (STATUTES, ARTICLES 2, 30, 37). THUS, WHILE IT MAY REQUIRE A TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS OF UNANIMOUS COUNCIL DECISION (STATUTES, ARTICLES 27, 28), FROM OUR READING WE CONCLUDE THAT IBEC MAY BY AGREEMENT SUBMIT

ITSELF TO BINDING ARBITRATION BEFORE AN ESTABLISHED OR AN AD HOC MECHANISM, OR TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF A GIVEN COUNTRY FOR DISPUTE-SETTLEMENT PURPOSES. THE LAW TO BE APPLIED BY THE ARBITRAL BODY OR THE COURT WOULD BE THE LAW OF THAT JURISDICTION UNLESS THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT OTHERWISE PROVIDE.

3. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR BY AGREEMENT, IBEC IS PRESUMABLY AMENABLE TO SUIT WHEREVER, OUTSIDE OF MEMBER COUNTRIES, IT IS DOING BUSINESS, HAS ASSETS, OR OTHERWISE HAS SOME CONTACT WHICH UNDER THE LAW OF THAT COUNTRY CONFERS JURISDICTION, AND A RESTRICTIVE THEORY OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY IS FOLLOWED (AS IN THE U.S. AND U.K.).

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